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SUBJECT: HOME MINISTER ON NARCOTICS ACTIONS

REF: (A) RANGOON 2958, (B) RANGOON 2991

1. LOCAL PRESS ON 21 OCTOBER CARRIED REPLY BY MINISTER OF HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, U KO KO, TO HLUTTAW (PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY) ON NARCOTICS ACTIONS. MINISTER ENUMERATED STATISTICS ON ARRESTS, SEIZURES, AND ADDICTS UNDER TREATMENT SINCE 1974 DRUG LAW EFFECTED. (ARTICLE STATED STATISTICS SPANNED TWO YEARS; HOWEVER, DRUG LAW BECAME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1974.)

2. STATISTICS GIVEN BY MINISTER U KO KO WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SEIZURES: 78.7 KILOGRAMS OF NUMBER FOUR HEROIN
103.3 KILOGRAMS OF MORPHINE BASE
8052.4 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM
1264.7 KILOGRAMS OF GANJA (MARIJUANA)

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ARRESTS: 3154 DRUG-ORIENTED CASES UNDER ACTION

ADDICTS: 12,134 ADDICTS REGISTERED AND UNDER TREATMENT.

3. MINISTER STATED THAT SEIZURES DID NOT INCLUDE GOODS CAPTURED IN LATEST BURMA ARMY ACTIONS (REFTELS).

4. ON MATTERS OF CROPS, MINISTER STATED THAT, DURING SAME TIME FRAME, 351.5 ACRES OF POPPY AND 35 ACRES OF GANJA DESTROYED. MINISTER ALSO ASSERTED THAT POPPY CULTIVATION WILL BE REPLACED WITHIN FIVE YEARS EXCEPT IN AREAS WHERE FOR SECURITY REASONS SUPERVISION IS NOT YET VIABLE.

5. COMMENT: FIGURES, AS IMPRESSIVE AS THEY ARE, MAY NOT BE FULL PICTURE. OFTENTIMES, SEIZED NARCOTICS ARE NOT TALLIED UNTIL DISPOSITION OF OFFENDER'S COURT CASE IS DECIDED. ALSO, SOME CONFISCATED NARCOTICS ARE DESTROYED ON THE SPOT AND NOT PROPERLY RECORDED AND, PROBABLY SOME SEIZURES ARE NOT FULLY REPORTED TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. REMARKS BY MINISTER U KO KO ON CROP SUBSTITUTION ARE ENCOURAGING SINCE IT IS HIS SIGNATURE WHICH WILL FULLY IMPLEMENT UNFDAC PLAN. WE REGARD HIS COMMENTS AS APPROVAL FOR PROGRAM AND EXPECT 5 YEAR UNFDAC PLAN TO BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE.
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